

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR

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May 17, 2017

Library Seminar Room – South Windsor Public Library

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Charlie Margolis
Karen Wagner

Also Present: Mary Etter
Mayor Carolyn Mirek, Liaison

3. Approval of Minutes

None

4. Introduction of New Member

Kumar Sanjib (not present)

5. Status of Human Relations Commission - Update

Discussion of Town Council directives and their ramifications for the Human Relations Commission.

With membership being nominal, the Human Relations Commission will propose a charter change in the constituency of a quorum.

All members must participate in the next meeting, whether present or via speaker phone.

Mary will arrange meeting with Town Manager to discuss status of Human Relations Commission.

6. Proposal for Coordinated Activity

Janine and Bill Thomas proposed coordinating with Human Relations Commission and South Windsor Public Library for a series of discussions focused on race relations. They will provide: panel, group leaders for discussion groups, publicity for audience.

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6. Proposal for Coordinated Activity (*Continued*)

Three evening program in October and November.

One hour documentary film.

They are presenting to other area organizations. Goal is to continue discussions. Participants will be invited to their home.

Descriptive materials were shared with Human Relations Commission members. Community Building Project Circle of Race Unity.

No decision was made. Possible October activity.

Program design can be adapted to our specific needs.

7. Poetry Day

South Windsor High School Teacher, Danielle Pieratti and students were very appreciative of the opportunity to read their poetry.

Approximately 40 audience members.

Ross Novgrad Trio gave an outstanding performance.

8. Art on a Bench Update

Discussion of installation/publicity.

Mary will contract John Caldwell to expedite delivery of remaining benches.

9. New Business – “Chalk on a Walk” Poetry Project

Charlies proposed new program which will involve inviting residents to record several lines of a favorite or original poem on a pre-selected sidewalk surface.

Poems will be written with children's, washable chalk imitating the perishable art of Buddhist sand painting.

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9. New Business – “Chalk on a Walk” Poetry Project

Each poet will receive a book donated by the library or a local business.

Event will be recorded and made available on the Human Relations Commission facebook page.

10. Adjournment

At 8:48 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.